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SUBJ: DAILY MAIL EDITORIAL ON JULY 18 SMITH SPEECH

1. JULY 20 EDITORIAL IN ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL SAID SMITH'S
JULY 18 ANNOUNCEMENT TO HOLD ELECTIONS SIGNALLED HIS DECISION
TO JETTISON THE "COMIC SPECTACLE OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN SHUTTLE"
AND SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE TO ASTUTE POLITICAL OBSERVERS OF
SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS. MAIL CLAIMED THAT SMITH HAS BEEN
LEADING THE BRITISH AND AMERICANS ALONG THE GARDEN PATH AND THAT
"THEY ALSO KNEW THAT IT WAS A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE HE DITCHED
THE TALKS AND MADE THEIR EFFORTS IRRELEVANT."

2. ACCORDING TO EDITORIAL, SMITH'S REJECTION OF THE ANGLO-
AMERICAN PEACE INITIATIVE PRESENTS BASIC QUESTIONS TO UK AND
US: "WHAT WILL THEY DO TO SHOW (THAT) THEY TOO DO NOT FALL INTO
SMITH'S SCHEME OF THINGS? WHAT WILL THEY DO TO MAKE SMITH'S
LATEST MOVES OF BAD FAITH COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE ON HIM?...THESE
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ARE THE QUESTIONS WHICH THAT PART OF THE WORLD WHICH HAS
ACCUSED THE WEST OF PROPPING UP SMITH WITH DIPLOMATIC AND SUBTLE
MILITARY SUPPORT WILL BE ASKING."

3. IN RESPONSE TO SMITH PLEDGE THAT "...WE ARE QUITE DETERMINED
TO ERADICATE THE SOURCE OF TERRORISM FROM OUR LAND, AND TO THIS
END, WE ARE PREPARED TO ADOPT STRONGER AND IF NEED BE RUTHLESS

MEASURES," DAILY MAIL SAID PATRIOTIC FRONT "MUST THROW CAUTION AND CIRCUMSPECTION TO THE WINDS BECAUSE THE ENEMY SMITH SAYS HE WILL SHOW NONE AND BECAUSE ONLY A BRUTAL WAR CAN BRING SMITH AND HIS SECRET ADMIRERS ABROAD TO THEIR SENSES." MAIL ALSO CALLED FOR EXTENSION OF WAR AGAINST "THAT SECTION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION WHICH WILL SHOW SUPPORT TO SMITH BY ATTENDING HIS ELECTION MEETINGS AND QUEUEING UP AT POLLING STATIONS."

4. COMMENT: CRITICISM OF ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE CALL FOR EXTENSION OF WAR, AND HIGHLIGHTING OF WESTERN ROLE BY DAILY MAIL IS IN CONTRAST TO RELATIVELY MILD REACTION BY NKOMO SPEAKING FOR PATRIOTIC FRONT AS REPORTED IN SEPTEL. EDITORS BELIEVE SMITH HAS AGAIN TWEAKED BRITISH AND AMERICAN NOSES. REACTIONS FROM LONDON AND WASHINGTON WILL BE CLOSELY EXAMINED BY ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS AND PRESS.
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